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1. WE FORESEE NO DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING GOCR PERMISSION FOR BASING PROPOSED PORPOSE RESEARCH FLIGHTS AT PUNTARENAS, BUT FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE BORNE IN MIND:
A. NORMALLY, ASSEMBLY PERMISSION IS REQUIRED YDR USG RESEARCH VESSELS OPERATING IN COSTA RICAN WATERS. THIS ROUTINELY GRANTED, BUT OCCASIONS SOME DELAY. MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY GIVES QUICK CLEARANCE TO MILITARY AIRCRAFT WITHOUT NECESSITY OF ASSEMBLY ACTION; HOWEVER, DEPENDING UPON COMPLEXITY OF OPERATIONS (E.G., HOW MANY PLANES, NATURE OF BASE OPERATIONS, ETC.) ASSEMBLY APPROVAL MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN THIS CASE.
B. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 8. WHILE WE THINK IT UNLIKELY THAT OPERATIONS WOULD SOME-HOW GET INVOLVED IN LAST, HEATED WEEKS OF CAMPAIGN, WOULD BE PREFERABLE, IF FEASIBLE, TO INITIATE AFTER ELECTIONS.
C. WE RECOMMEND AS MATTER OF COURTESY AND GOOD POLITICS THAT NMFS OFFER TO MAKE RESEARCH DATA AVAILABLE TO GOCR, AND IF POSSIBLE, INVITE LOCAL SCIENTIST TO PARTICIPATE ON SOME FLIGHTS.
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2. SHOULD NMFS DESIRE TO PURSUE MATTER, WE NEAR
FULL DETAILS OF SCOPE OF OPERATIONS SOONEST. DETAILS ON

AIRCRAFT (TYPES AND IDENTIFYING NUMBERS), NAMES OF CREWS, OTHER
PERSONNEL WILL BE REQUIRED LATER. ONE QUESTION WHICH WILL HAVE
TO BE ANSWERED IS WHETHER AIRSTRIP AND PUNTARENAS FACILITIES
ADEQUATE TO ACCOMMODATE OPERATION.
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